

Unit 1

Writing Workshop

GUIDED PRACTICE

Prewriting: Issue, Thesis, and Support

Use the chart below to help you plan your editorial. Use additional paper if necessary.

- List three issues in the chart. Rate them based on the questions and select the issue with the highest total points.
- What is your position? Jot down a thesis statement and one or two sentences that identify the issue and state your perspective.
- List at least three reasons for your opinion. Then, provide precise and relevant supporting evidence—facts, examples, anecdotes, expert opinions, or cause-effect reasoning—and any elaboration if needed. Keep in mind the types of appeals you will use to make your argument.

ISSUE RATINGS CHART

(Rate each issue from 1 to 5 on the considerations—5 being the highest)

Considerations	Issue 1:	Issue 2:	Issue 3:
Is the issue narrow enough to be argued in a short editorial?			
Can each side make a good case for its position?			
Do people have strong feelings about the issue?			
	Total:	Total:	Total:
THESIS:			
SUPPORT			
Reason 1:	Reason 2:	Reason 3:	
Evidence:	Evidence:	Evidence:	
Elaboration:	Elaboration:	Elaboration:	